

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, September 8, 2007**

**Minutes – Linda Olsen**

Bill opened the meeting and welcomed guests and members. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb**

Gene summarized the expenses and income over the June to September time period and estimated the balance to be \$3,600 which is about the same as last year.

**Programs – David Kribs**

Dave announced that the Creative Memories program will be rescheduled and Marlene McDonald will present a program in October focused on the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Philomath. Mary Gallagher will discuss museum resources at the November meeting and December will be our annual Christmas Party.

**Hostess – Betty Brummett**

Betty distributed a sign-up list for this year's cookies which are offered in the annex following our monthly meetings.

**Librarian – Sandra Potter**

Sandra announced that during the June library inventory some missing books were located and that about 37 books remained on the missing list. Duplicate books found may be offered to members for a donation at a later time. Sandra thanked the efficient volunteers involved in the successful inventory this year.

**Membership – Leila Crawford**

Leila reported that the society currently has 113 members and announced that now is the time to renew memberships.

**Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil**

**Publishing – Danell Aukerman**

**Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds**

Damaris will continue to search for new books for our library; however, new genealogy books that we don't already have are difficult to find. Do let her know if you discover any new books to recommend. Damaris will donate some general history books and magazines to our BCGS library.

Bill announced that the Library of Virginia is printing genealogical resource books for each state. These books are useful as an index to available genealogical resources.

**Queries - Danell Aukerman**

**Newsletter – Teri Greene**

Teri would like contributions of stories and articles or other genealogical information to publish in our newsletter. The distribution process and community locations for newsletters to be distributed each month was discussed. Newsletter distribution will be a topic at the next board meeting.

Bill mentioned that it is important that we continue to expand our electronic distribution as much as possible which conserves resources and costs of publication.

Past newsletters are kept in a notebook stored in our BCGS Library. Lee Rudisil will collect each month's newsletter and add it to the notebook.

Teri also mentioned that she sent a letter of apology to Wayne Anderson for the accidental publication of his name expressing sympathy in memoriam.

### **Service Projects**

WPA – Danell Aukerman

Cemetery Project --

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

### **Old Business**

Bill summarized his meeting with the Benton County Historical Museum Executive Committee this summer. The resulting discussion culminated in an agreement that is substantially the same as it has been. Our BCGS Library will remain in the annex at the same rent at least for another year. The museum will complete needed repairs to the annex building and BCGS will contribute \$500 toward the repairs and do the painting. We will continue to hold meetings in the church meeting room just as we have been. Damaris commended Bill for his exemplary diplomatic skills through this difficult and emotional negotiation process. Members also applauded his leadership.

Insurance for the BCGS Library is still under discussion and Bill will follow-up with an insurance agent.

### **New Business**

### **Announcements**

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 2, 2007

The next General meeting will be Saturday, October 13, 2007

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary